

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Notice of non-compliant amendment to the claims, Applicant has corrected the status identifiers of the claims as follows. Claims 1, 11, 21, 22, 24, 25, 35, 37, 38, 39, and 50 are now properly identified as 'currently amended' and are marked where amended. Claims 40-49 are now identified as 'canceled' instead of withdrawn (as per response to restriction requirement submitted Oct. 16, 2002); and as before, Claim 20 is also identified as canceled. Claims 10, 14, 28, and 36 are 'previously amended'. Claims 51-54 are properly identified as 'previously added'. Claims 2-9, 12, 13, 15-19, 23, 26, 27, and 29-35 are 'original'.

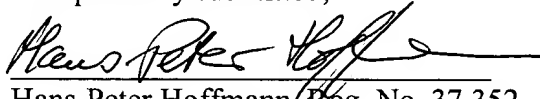
CONCLUSIONS

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims under consideration are clearly patentable over the references of record. It is submitted that the above-identified patent application is in condition for allowance. Early notification of the allowability of the pending claims is courteously solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any fees that may be required 37 C.F.R. §1.16 in connection with this paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 033-975.

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Respectfully submitted,



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